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MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S OFFICE,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE OHIO,  
Cincinnati, Ohio, October 25, 1862.

The following instructions are received for the information of Surgeons in charge of General Hospitals in this Department:

I. In keeping the clothing accounts of contract nurses, strict regard must be paid to paragraphs 1,153, 1,158, 1,159, 1,160, 1,161 and 1,162 Revised Regulations.

The receipt rolls are to be made in triplicate, according to form 52, Quartermaster's Department. One copy to be kept in the hospital records, and two copies to be sent as *vouchers with the Quarterly Return of Clothing, &c.*—(see Form 51 Quartermaster's Department)—which is made quarterly to the Quartermaster General at Washington.

The price of Clothing is to be charged according to the following table of prices:

Statement of the cost of clothing for a Private of Infantry in the Army of the United States, copied from the printed statement of July 1, 1861.

ARTICLES.	COST OF EACH ARTICLE.		REMARKS.
	DOLLARS.	CENTS.	
Uniform Hat,.....	1	55	
Feather, .....		13 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Cord and Tassel,.....		13 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Forage Cap,.....		63	
Uniform Coat, .....	6	7 $\frac{1}{3}$	
Trousers, pair,.....	3	03	
Blue Flannel Sack Coat,...	2	15	
Flannel Shirt,.....		88	
Drawers, pair,.....		50	
Bootees, " .....	1	94	
Stockings, " .....		26	
Great Coat,.....	7	20	
Blanket, .....	2	95	
Leather Stock,.....		14	

Commutation value of  
*one year's* clothing, "Infantry Soldier," \$37.58 4-5  
being one-fifth of the value  
of the allowance of clothing  
for *five* years.

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The civil nurse is entitled to the same articles and amount of clothing as a Private of Infantry. On the discharge of the nurse, the cost of the clothing issued to him is to be deducted from the commutation value of the clothing to which he was entitled.

By order,

C. C. BYRNE,  
Assistant Surgeon U. S. A.

II. The Hospital Fund may be disbursed as indicated in paragraph 1,195 General Regulations for "any articles for the subsistence or *comfort* of the sick not authorized to be otherwise furnished."

Each Surgeon in charge of a General Hospital, will, therefore, be held responsible that no deficiency of comforts and delicacies for the sick be allowed to exist.

"Medical officers in charge of General Hospitals are directed to examine carefully each provision return, comparing the same with the amount of subsistence stores on hand, and the number in hospital; they will expend the hospital fund ~~as it accrues~~, for the benefit of the sick, and especially in increasing the variety and improving the quality of their diet.

"It is believed that many of the complaints respecting the insufficiency of food are due to a mistaken zeal on the part of some medical officers for the accumulation of a large hospital fund."

The monthly statement of the hospital fund must be forwarded regularly to the Surgeon General's office each month, and a duplicate sent to this office for transmittal to the Assistant Surgeon General at St. Louis.

III. The attention of Hospital Surgeons is called to the following extract from Circular No. 11, Surgeon General's Office.

"The Military Hospitals will be open to the authorized agents of Soldiers' Relief Associations, and other Aid Societies, from twelve o'clock M. to six o'clock P. M., daily, and to the friends of patients and other visitors, if, in the judgment of the surgeons in charge, their visits will not be prejudicial to the welfare of the sick."

L. H. HOLDEN,  
*Surgeon U. S. A. and Medical Director.*



